

# School Board Chairman Wants More Unity

School Committee discussion this week on the accuracy of press accounts and minutes of board meetings prompted Chairman John Langmaid to request a depersonalization of minutes and more board unity.

Board members Patricia Walsh and Martha Gjestebj had requested clarification of points which they found to be inaccurately reported in the Cohasset **Mirror** and Cohasset **Mariner**. Superintendent John Maloney suggested a reading

of the minutes to elucidate these points, but Langmaid declared further discussion of the matter out of order.

After changes in minutes continued for almost an hour, a practice which has been the rule of most of the board's meetings, Maloney was compelled to go the blackboard and diagram the dilemma. He outlined the difficulties reporters and the recording secretary face when trying to accurately recount a meeting after the ebb and flow of hours of discussion and individual comments.

Maloney suggested that to conduct meetings more expeditiously, less time should be spent changing minutes. He proposed that one way to do this was to note the committee's actions rather than discussion.

"Too much time is being spent at the beginning of meetings trying to resolve what was said last week. Rehashing the minutes only

brings out antagonisms," he said.

Gjestebj recommended that the secretary send rough drafts of the minutes to the board members for appraisal, so that they might return their comments and corrections. Secretary Margaret Sullivan balked at this suggestion, feeling that this practice

wouldn't necessarily aid in a better minute consensus.

Langmaid said he had been noticing a trend toward the specific and personal in the minutes, which are often four or five pages long. He stressed the working of the committee as a whole and the inadvisability of lengthy personal comment in the minutes.

## School Committee Briefs...

### Appointments Approved

The committee approved: unpaid leave of absence from Mrs. Harriet Peipenbrink; appointment of Sally Sprout as a fourth grade teacher; appointments of Anne Deignan and Nicholas Montuori as Special Needs aides at the high school; appointment of Florence Ely and Mary Benbow for federally funded Mainstream Program; appointment of Clark Chatterton as Athletic Director.

Withdrew appointment of Elizabeth Spaulding as Central Kitchen Manager at the high school; approved

appointment of doctoral program for John Mika at Boston College; awarded bids as recommended by the Business Manager for paving, light fixtures, special needs transportation, playground equipment, musical instruments, band uniforms, health supplies, A.V. supplies and equipment; accepted letter of resignation from Joan Trask with regret; approved guidelines for free and reduced priced lunches for 1979-1980 school year.

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Ms. Palmiter, a 30-year resident of Cohasset, is active in the Cohasset Golf Club, Cohasset Tennis and Squash Club, and the Badminton and Tennis Club in Boston. She is also an active corporation member of South Region United Way of Mass. Bay.

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